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LB 154A, 154

turn to Final Reading. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: With respect to the first item, LB 154A, Senator Chambers would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (AM1448, Legislative Journal page 1692.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized on your motion to return the bill for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is a bill which would fund that legislation related to the treatment of inmates in prison. LB 154 sets up a comprehensive plan, but because there was some overlap in terms of what the Appropriations Committee was going to put into the Department of Correction's Budget for physicians and others, there was a need to make sure that the only thing put in the A bill for LB 154, would be that which is not covered by the Appropriations Committee. So I'm asking that you return LB 154A, so that we can put this amendment in place. By the time the bill is actually read, there may be some additional adjustments. But we need to make sure that there is no double appropriation. I don't know if Senator Wehrbein has anything he would want to add to that, but that is why the bill should be returned, and why this specific amendment should be adopted.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the motion to return. Senator Kristensen. Did you mean for your light to be on Senator? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Chambers states it accurately. I think your A bill ultimately reduces the A bill some, because of what we put in Appropriations. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I wholeheartedly support what you're doing here. We...this was discussed in our committee, recognizing that if both bills came along, there would be less money required because there was some duplication in case one bill did not pass. So I wholeheartedly support returning the